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March 21, 2005

Michael A. Teague, Ph.D. Vice President / ESHA Clariant Corporation 4000 Monroe Road Charlotte, North Carolina 28205

Re: Exposure and Screening-Level Risk Assessment for Carpet Fiber and Food Wrap

Scenarios Associated with Pigment Red 144/214, February 2005

Dear Dr. Teague:

This is in response to your February 2005 Exposure and Screening-Level Risk Assessment for Carpet Fiber and Food Wrap Scenarios Associated with Pigment Red 144/214. EPA's contractor, Versar, has completed its review of this submittal. Versar's comments are attached.

EPA expects Clariant to make any necessary revisions to the comprehensive assessments as soon as possible. Accordingly, EPA requests that Clariant provide its estimated schedule for completion of the revised assessments within 7 days of receipt of this letter.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (617) 918-1527 or by e-mail at tisa.kimberly@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

Kimberly N. Tisa, PCB Coordinator Office of Ecosystem Protection

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